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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

Kaoru URATA et al.

Application No.: 10/815,689

Confirmation No.: 2279

Filed: April 2, 2004

Art Unit: 2133

For: DATA RECORDING METHOD AND DATA  
RECORDING APPARATUS

Examiner: R. S. Dildine, Jr.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE BUT BEFORE  
PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE WITH PETITION AND CERTIFICATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Notice of Allowance dated May 14, 2007. The Applicant, supplementing the art previously considered, hereby brings to the attention of the examiner the three Japanese language documents noted in the accompanying Form PTO-SB/08. The Applicant thus petitions for consideration of these documents after allowance but before payment of the issue fee. This paper is accompanied by a certification and authorization to charge Deposit Account 18-0013 in the amount of the \$180 fee.

This will certify that each of these Japanese language documents contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. Specifically, each of these documents was noted in an Action dated April 3, 2007 in connection the Japanese priority application. A copy of the Japanese Action is provided, but a translation is not readily available. It should be noted that

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only JP 1997-0073089 was considered as to claims 1 to 5 as filed for its disclosure in Figs. 5 and 6 and the accompanying discussion of two sync blocks. A translation of each of the cited documents is provided. It is believed that none of these documents is as relevant as the prior art mentioned in the application and the prior art considered in the initial action, over which the claims were amended.

Granting of this petition is respectfully requested.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2963 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: May 31, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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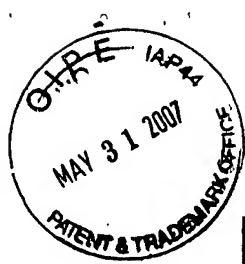
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	BA	JP-09-007309		01-10-1997	Hitachi Ltd		✓
	BB	JP-09-247709		09-19-1997	Sony Corp		✓
	BC	JP-05-153548		06-18-1993	Mitsubishi Electric Corp		✓

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